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### **Idaho Sweet Cherry Production Forecasted at 4,000 Tons**

Idaho is expecting a sweet cherry crop of 4,000 tons in 2012, up 43 percent from last year and up 111 percent from 2010, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Idaho growers reported favorable growing conditions for their crop.

United States sweet cherry production is forecast at 382,150 tons, up 11 percent from 2011. Washington growers reported excellent weather this year. Winter conditions were moderate and warm spring conditions allowed for an excellent bloom and resulted in good pollination levels. California growers reported a good growing season, with little adverse weather during the critical bloom and developmental periods. In Michigan, record high temperatures early in the spring caused a premature development of trees. This was followed by below normal temperatures and continual frost events later in the season, leading to a significantly smaller crop than normal. New York growers reported that warm temperatures in March followed by freezing temperatures in April drastically reduced their production potential. Most Oregon growers reported a very good bloom and good pollination levels. The Utah crop is rebounding from last year's frost damaged season.

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